

Degradation (RID) complex having a RIDα polypeptide and a RIDβ polypeptide, wherein the RID complex is expressed in the cell in an amount sufficient to inhibit apoptosis of the cell, and wherein the cell expresses Fas, TNFR-1, DR3, TRAIL-R1, or TRAIL-R2.



3. (Amended) The method of claim [2]1 wherein the polynucleotide comprises a recombinant adenovirus vector.

6. (Amended) The method of claim [5]3 wherein the cell is a leukocyte.

7. (Amended) The method of claim [5] wherein the cell is a cell in a [comprises a] transplant tissue.

10. (Twice amended) A method for decreasing apoptosis of target cells in a patient comprising treating the target cells of the patient with [an effective amount of]a recombinant polynucleotide encoding a Receptor Internalization and Degradation (RID) complex having a RIDa polypeptide and a RIDβ polypeptide, wherein the RID complex is expressed in the cell in an amount sufficient to inhibit apoptosis of the cell, and wherein the target cells expresses Fas, TNFR-1, DR3, TRAIL-R1, or TRAIL-<u>R2</u>.

- 12. (Amended) The method of Taim [11]10 wherein the polynucleotide comprises a recombinant adenovirus vector.
 - 17. (Twice amended) A method for decreasing leukocyte apoptosis in a patient comprising:

(1) withdrawing leukocytes from the patient,

(2) treating the leukocytes with [an effective amount of]a recombinant polynucleotide encoding a RID complex having a RIDα polypeptide and a RIDβ polypeptide, wherein the RID complex is expressed in the cell in an amount sufficient to inhibit apoptosis of the cell, and

(3) administering the treated leukocytes to the patient.

19. (Amended) The method of plaim [18]17 wherein the recombinant polynucleotide comprises a recombinant adenovirus vector.

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